

SSA's regulations in the use of benefits, and whether the institution is performing other duties and responsibilities required of a representative payee. The information also provides the basis for conducting the actual onsite review and is used in the preparation of the subsequent report of findings and recommendations which is provided to the institution. The respondents are state mental institutions which serve as representative payees for Social Security beneficiaries.

Number of Respondents: 183

Frequency of Response: 1

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour

Estimated Average Burden: 183 hours

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

II. The information collection(s) listed below have been submitted to OMB:

1. Application for U.S. Benefits Under the Canada-U.S. International Agreement—0960-0371. The information collected on Form SSA-1294 is used to determine entitlement to benefits. The respondents are individuals who live in Canada and file for U.S. Social Security Benefits.

Number of Respondents: 1,000

Frequency of Response: 1

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours

2. Quarterly Statistical Report on Recipients and Payments Under State-Administered Assistance Programs for Aged, Blind and Disabled (Individuals and Couples) Recipients—0960-0130. The information collected on Form SSA-9741 is used to provide statistical data on recipients and assistance payments under the SSI State-administered State supplementation program. These data collections are needed to complement the information available for the Federally administered programs under SSA, and to more fully explain the impact of the public income

support programs on the needy, aged, blind and disabled. The respondents are state agencies who administer supplementary payment programs under SSI.

Number of Respondents: 30

Frequency of Response: 4 times annually

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour

Estimated Annual Burden: 120 hours

3. Statement of Death by Funeral Director—0960-0142. SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-721 to verify the death of an individual insured under the Social Security Act and to determine if there is a survivor eligible for a lump-sum death payment. The respondents are funeral directors with knowledge of the death of a person insured for Social Security benefits.

Number of Respondents: 900,000

Frequency of Response: 1

Average Burden Per Response: 3.5 minutes

Estimated Average Burden: 52,500 hours

4. Statement Regarding Marriage—0960-0017. SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-753 to make determinations regarding entitlement to spouse's benefits when a common-law marriage is alleged. The respondents are third parties who can supply evidence concerning the existence of a common-law marriage.

Number of Respondents: 40,000

Frequency of Response: 1

Average Burden Per Response: 9 minutes

Estimated Average Burden: 6,000 hours

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, OIRA Attn: Lori Schack, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20503

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145 or write to him at the address listed above.

Date: January 6, 1999.

**Frederick W. Brickenkamp,**

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for written submissions from the public.

**SUMMARY:** Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242), requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. (Section 182 is commonly referred to as the "Special 301" provisions in the Trade Act.) In addition, the USTR is required to determine which of these countries should be identified as priority foreign countries. Acts, policies or practices which are the basis of a country's identification as a priority foreign country are normally the subject of an investigation under the Section 301 provisions of the Trade Act. Section 182 of the Trade Act contains a special rule for the identification of actions by Canada affecting United States cultural industries.

USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning foreign countries' acts, policies, and practices that are relevant to the decision whether particular trading partners should be identified under Section 182 of the Trade Act.

**DATES:** Submissions must be received on or before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 16, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 100, Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Claude Burcky, Director for Intellectual Property (202) 395-6864; Andrew Bowen, Deputy Director for Intellectual Property (202) 395-6864, or GERALYN S. RITTER, Assistant General Counsel (202) 395-6800, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 182 of the Trade Act, the

USTR must identify those countries that deny adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices and whose acts, policies or practices have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on relevant U.S. products are to be identified as priority foreign countries. Acts, policies or practices which are the basis of a country's designation as a priority foreign country are normally the subject of an investigation under the Section 301 provisions of the Trade Act.

USTR may not identify a country as a priority foreign country if it is entering into good faith negotiations, or making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations, to provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights.

In identifying countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights in 1999, USTR will focus special attention on the progress countries have made toward addressing three issues of particular concern to the United States: proper and timely implementation of the WTO TRIPS Agreement, reducing piracy of optical media (music CDs, Video CDs, CD-ROMs, and DVDs), and acquisition and use of only legal software by government agencies.

Section 182 contains a special rule regarding actions of Canada affecting United States cultural industries. The USTR is obligated to identify any act, policy or practice of Canada which affects cultural industries, is adopted or expanded after December 17, 1992, and is actionable under Article 2106 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Any such act, policy or practice so identified shall be treated the same as an act, policy or practice which was the basis for a country's identification as a priority foreign country under Section 182(a)(2) of the Trade Act (i.e., such acts, policies or practices shall be the subject of a Section 301 investigation under the "Special 301" procedures), unless the United States has already taken action pursuant to Article 2106 of the NAFTA.

USTR must make the above-referenced identifications within 30 days after publication of the National Trade Estimate (NTE) report, i.e., no later than April 30, 1999.

#### Requirements for Comments

Comments should include a description of the problems experienced and the effect of the acts, policies and

practices on U.S. industry. Comments should be as detailed as possible and should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of the acts, policies and practices. Any comments that include quantitative loss claims should be accompanied by the methodology used in calculating such estimated losses. Comments must be in English and provided in twenty copies. A submitter requesting that information contained in a comment be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy. A non-confidential version of the comment must also be provided.

All comments should be sent to Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, Room 100A, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508, and must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 16, 1999.

#### Public Inspection of Submissions

Within one business day of receipt, non-confidential submissions will be placed in a public file, open for inspection at the USTR Reading Room, in Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### Joseph Papovich,

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements—Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review.

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to

the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 28, 1998 [FR 63, page 46097].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 16, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Albritton, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-0203, and refer to the OMB Control Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

*Title:* National Transit Database, 49 U.S.C. Section 5335(a) and (b).

*OMB Control Number:* 2132-0008.

*Type of Request:* Extension to a currently approved information collection.

*Form(s):* 001, 100, 200, and 400.

*Affected Public:* State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions, and small business organizations.

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. Section 5335(a) and (b) require the Secretary of Transportation to maintain a reporting system by uniform categories to accumulate mass transportation financial and operating information and a uniform system of accounts and records. Federal, state, and local governments, transit agencies/boards, labor unions, manufacturers, researchers, consultants and universities use the National Transit Database for making transit related decisions. State and local governments also use the National Transit Database in allocating funds under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307. National Transit Database information is essential for understanding cost, ridership and other national performance trends, including transit's share of urban travel. It would be difficult to determine the future structure of FTA programs, to set policy, and to make funding and other decisions relating to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Nation's transit operations without the National Transit Database.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* The estimated annual burden is 238,140 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FTA Desk Officer.